

# THE WEEKLY ARIZONAN

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## THE ADMINISTRATION SCHEME.

"Times change and men change with them," and the manner of justice very frequently marks the progress of change. Our Probate court matters furnish an instance of this. Perhaps the most extensive and heartless swindles ever practised in this Territory have been those of which the friends of the deceased were made victims through means of estate matters as administered. Our citizens are of almost every nationality, and it is rarely that any one ever encounters a relative here. In times past the struggle between life and death in the case of a citizen owning property, had no sooner terminated in favor of the latter than a second struggle—a struggle between his friends—arose, as to whom should be awarded the right to administer upon his worldly effects. This was looked upon in those days as a justifiable, even more, an honorable strife, a matter of speculation; as the deceased having no longer any use for his property, and no relative on hand to take possession, of course it must fall into the hands of his friends. Every effort was employed by the administrator to swallow up whatever property remained after the indebtedness of the estate had been discharged. Nor was it necessary for him to employ any extraordinary artifice to become master of the situation. The Probate court was then, in truth, a most shameful, barefaced, miserable parody upon law, for the construction of which the Judge and Administrator were alike criminal. The administratorship upon a valuable estate was looked upon in about the same manner that a "fat" government contract is regarded in these days, and in many instances proved much more lucrative to the administrator than does the contract to the contractor at present. Indeed, there are men of wealth to-day in Arizona, who owe their start in life to successful administration upon the properties of their deceased fellow-citizens.

But this order has had its periods of beginning and maturity and is now familiarizing itself with its period of decay. The quality of justice in our Probate, as well in the other courts of the Territory, is now as free from contamination as, perhaps, in any State or Territory of the Union. With the present year the cleansing process commenced in good earnest—with Judge Titus of the District court and Judge Anderson of the Probate—and already the work is about completed. Probate matters long since smoothed over and considered settled, are being overhauled from time to time, and the developments consequent to such investigation are in some instances of a character which proves conclusively the wisdom and propriety of this course. The office of administrator is now, no longer sought with that zeal which characterized applicants for the position in former years. It has become a thankless office since equal justice began to be extended to the administrator, the creditor, and the relatives of the deceased.

From the San Diego Union of March 17th we have important information regarding the San Diego and Fort Yuma wagon road. Mr. Fox, just returned from making a survey of the road, says that the general character of the country through which it will pass is more favorable than he had anticipated. From the quality of the rock to be removed at many places, he concludes that very little blasting will be required it being possible to accomplish the removal by iron bars.

"He estimates the cost of repairing the road from Mountain Springs down to the opening of the Canyon—four miles—at about \$3,000, and thinks that a force of thirty or forty men would complete the work in that section in one month's time. Mr. Fox thinks this part of the work should be undertaken first, and carried forward as rapidly as possible, because after the first of May the weather is so hot in the Canyon that it is almost impossible for men to work. Mr. Fox makes an elaborate report upon the merits of the several routes for a new road, but does not specially recommend the adoption of any one of them at present—his report bearing more particularly upon the repair of the road now travelled."

The people of San Diego are earnest in this

matter. The project has now obtained adequate support to place its ultimate perfection beyond a doubt. In this matter the people of San Diego are working entirely for their own interests, but ours being identical, the benefits to be derived from the operation of the road will not be less for Arizona, than for San Diego. Let the people of Arizona, therefore, put their shoulders to the wheel and give such aid as may accelerate the work.

The House Committee of commerce have agreed on a bill providing that 100,000 seal may be killed yearly for the next twenty years unless the Secretary of the Treasury restricts the number. The annual rental privilege for taking these seal shall not be less than \$50,000, to be secured by a deposit of Government bonds, and each skin must pay revenue tax of 2 dollars; the business to be leased immediately to responsible parties, to the best advantage to the United States, with leave to run twenty years from the 1st of May next. The lessees are to give bonds in \$500,000.

San Diego is forgetting everything except the Fort Yuma road, in her mad career after gold mines. The recently discovered mine is the center of attraction now, but how long it will continue to remain such is another question. Already one writer who told most extravagant stories of the extent and richness of the mineral deposit, writes again to the Union and begs to be excused, acknowledging the fallacy of his former statements which, he says were written under peculiar circumstances and not intended for publication. This New mine is situated on the San Diego River about 40 miles Northeast from San Diego. From the opinions expressed by outsiders as gathered from the Los Angeles papers it may be safe to conclude that the story is at least something more than a mere bubble.

On the 15th of March Governor Safford left Washington en route for Arizona.

"During his visit here" says that Washington dispatch, "the Governor has impressed the Government with the importance of affording additional facilities for the protection of life and property, thus encouraging the development of the natural resources in Arizona."

Then, the Governor's mission has been a success. For this purpose he visited Washington, and he may well feel proud to return again to his Territory flushed with the victory he has achieved. We never doubted the willingness of Congress to extend protection to us, if made to understand how necessary is such protection; but to overcome the sceptical spirit of that body has been a struggle indeed, and now that this work is accomplished we shall expect to see further developments ere long.

The action of the Supreme Court of the United States upon the question concerning the legality of Indiana divorces, gives full sway to the advocates of that free-and-easy system of possessing and discarding wives and husbands. It declares that Indiana divorces shall be legal throughout the country and provides that a married woman may claim the right to separate herself from her husband whenever such course becomes necessary to the protection of her rights of litigation. This decision is about the direct opposite to that which was expected, and legalizes the recent scandalous death-bed scene in New York, in which the dying scamp Richardson was united in marriage, by Henry Ward Beecher, to the frail and erring Mrs. McFarland. But if the populous cities of the States can stand the curse we of the sparsely peopled Territories can.

The Los Angeles News is guilty of the following. It claims that the telegraph has furnished the information. Don't know—except it's all right though.

"All the world and the rest of mankind" have been advised that in Wyoming, last week, a Jury empanelled to try a murder case was composed of six men and six females. All the race of hermaphrodites, from brawny Susan Anthony down to the pea-nut lecturers who condescend to afflict Los Angeles, have piped their shrill voices in admiration. The telegraph advises us that the Jury cannot agree. They have, by order of court, been shut up for the four days past, but the end cometh not. The females are married. Their husbands are not on the jury, and do not like the aspect of affairs. How the male jurymen like the "situation" we are not advised. Judging from the length of time it takes to agree, however, we judge that they find it not unpleasant.

The Miner of March 19th says: "We hear no malice to the present editor of the ARIZONAN and would like to see his paper prosper," and then furnishes an example of this friendly (?) feeling by saying that we are false timid and immoral. This is just the the Miner hypocrite as we found him twelve months ago and as we left him only two weeks since! It is quite unnecessary that we undertake to disprove the charge, as our readers cannot fail to observe how malicious, false and contemptible is the representation made by our contemporary. Now, friend (?) Miner, since you are aware that "the people of this Territory love Truth," why prate you of mines which have no existence, of productive lands while you have nothing save rocks? If you love strict "Morality" why publicly denounce as fallen, two women, or rather girls, because they playfully attired themselves in coats and pantaloons and rode through the street of your village? If you love "Fearlessness," why render yourself guilty of the most cowardly act that ever disgraced journalism, viz: to slander women, as you have those two, through the columns of your paper, and in the same public manner to comment upon the age a third? If this is all you can claim (and it is all we know) in vindication of your "Truth, Fearlessness, and Morality," fear not that we shall ever detract from your fame by seeking distinction in the same field.

The Grand Jurors of San Diego Complain that the county jail is neither safe nor healthy, and call the attention of the Board of Supervisors to the necessity of procuring some other place in which to confine offenders. It would appear from the nature of the the recommendation that the authorities of San Diego have been in the habit of sending their prisoners to other counties for confinement—which seems rather "loose" to say the least.

Gold in New York, March 17th, 112 1/2 Greenbacks, 89 1/2.

## PROPOSALS FOR FORAGE.

Yuma Depot, March 25th, 1870.  
SEALED PROPOSALS in triplicate are invited for the delivery at this Depot and at Fort Yuma, for the ensuing fiscal year, of three hundred and fifty tons of Hay, more or less.

Bids for a portion of the above will be considered.

The Hay to be of the best bottom, grass, in bales of not less than two hundred (200) pounds each; to be delivered at either the Depot or the Fort, in such quantities and at such times as may be required.

Delivery to commence on the 1st of October and to be complete by the 31st of December 1870.

Bidders must enclose with their bids a statement by their proposed sureties, taken before a Justice of the Peace and certified by him, of their intention to give bonds in the sum of seven thousand (\$7,000) dollars for the faithful performance of the contract, in case it be awarded to their principal.

Bids will be received until 2 o'clock P. M. Tuesday, May 15th, 1870, when they will be opened.

Bidders are requested to be present at the opening of the bids.

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all bids not deemed for the interest of the Government.

G. B. DANDY,  
Bvt. Brig. Gen'l U. S. A.,  
A. Q. M.

## NOTICE.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE,  
UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE,  
DISTRICT OF ARIZONA.  
Tucson March 10th 1870.

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with provisions of Internal Revenue Laws, Section 19,—that appeals from the action of the Assistant Assessors of this district, in regard to assessments on the annual list of taxes for 1870, will be received and determined at my office in Prescott from the first to the sixth of April next, during business hours each day.

All appeals must be made in writing specifying the particular cause matter or thing, respecting which a decision is desired and stating the error complained of.

Communications sent by mail will receive immediate attention.

HENRY A. BIGELOW,  
Assessor District of Arizona.

## NOTICE.

In the matter of the Estate  
of  
Hampton Brown deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the estate of Hampton Brown, deceased, to present them to the undersigned at his office in Tucson, with the necessary vouchers, within twelve months from the date of this notice. After which time outstanding claims will be for ever barred.

JOHN H. ARCHIBALD  
Administrator.  
Tucson, A. T., March 24, A. D. 1870.

## PROPOSALS FOR FORAGE.

CHIEF QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,  
SUB-DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA,  
Tucson, A. T., March 20th 1870.

SEALED PROPOSALS, which must be made in quadruplicate, will be received at this office until 12 o'clock, noon, on Saturday the 27th of May next, for furnishing the Quartermaster's Department with forage for the fiscal year commencing July 1st 1870, at the places and in the amounts following, viz:—

Tucson Depot,	600,000 Grain,	1,000,000 Hay
Camp Crittenden,	425,000 do.	800,000 do.
Camp Bowie,	800,000 do.	1,300,000 do.
Camp Goodwin		
or new post in the	1,000,000 do.	1,800,000 do.
White Mountains		
Camp Grant,	500,000 do.	800,000 do.

These amounts are estimated to be a supply for the several posts named, for the fiscal year stated, but should it be found necessary to increase the amount of any article at any of the places, then the contractor for that article at the place will be required to deliver the increased amount; and should the amount named for any place be in excess of the actual requirements, then the contractor shall only deliver what may be needed—no notice to be given him, to increase or decrease. Should there be more than one contractor at any post for the article increased or decreased, the increase shall be delivered by the contractor whose bid is last accepted, and, in like manner, the reduction shall be made from his amount.

It is desired that the grain be at least two-thirds of barley, and bids for this proportion will be most favorably considered, everything being equal—the remainder to be of Corn or Barley, at the option of the contractor; but if Corn, to be delivered in the months of December, January, February and March. Bids will however be received for a greater proportion, or all, of corn. All to be good, sound, merchantable, well-cleaned and delivered at such times and in such quantities as the Quartermaster on duty at the place of receipt may designate; to be subject to his inspection. No white flint corn will be received.

The Hay must be well-cured, merchantable of the best quality that can be had within a reasonable distance of the post for which it is furnished; the bulk of it to be cut and put up from a year's crop, in August, September, October or November; to be well stacked at such place in the vicinity of the post, and in such stack space the receiving officer may designate; to be, if required, (the Quartermaster's Department furnishing the salt,) and subject to the same inspection as the grain.

Bids for Barley Hay will also be received, to be delivered in July, August and September.

Bidders will please state the price for each article by the pound, and both in gold and U. S. currency, and should the bid be made supplying more than one place, the prices for each place will be separately stated. The prices for Goodwin and the new post to be established thereof, in the White Mountains, will also be separately stated.

Bids will be received for any amount not less than five thousand pounds, of grain or hay, or both, in bales of not less than one hundred pounds of Barley Hay; and when the responsibility of the bidder is not otherwise established, made known at this office, each bid must be accompanied by a guarantee of at least two persons (whose responsibility must be certified to by the clerk of a court of Record) that the bidder is potent to carry out the contract if awarded, and that he will give the required bonds thereon, and each bidder will state his place of residence and post-office address.

Satisfactory evidence of the solvency of persons offered as security will be required.

A clause will be inserted in all contracts that they may be terminated at the pleasure of the government, and no contract shall be considered in force until it has received the approval of the commanding Generals of the Department of California and Military Division of the Pacific.

The bids will be opened on the day and at the hour hereinafter named, and bidders have the privilege of being present at the opening.

The right is reserved to reject any bid deemed unsatisfactory.

Proposals to be plainly endorsed, "Proposals for Forage," and addressed to the undersigned at this place.

By order,  
J. G. C. LEE,  
2nd Lt. Col. and Chf. Q. M.  
Sub-Dist. of Southern Arizona.

## NOTICE.

WE have appointed SAMUEL HUGHES, Tucson, A. T., our Agent for the sale of all lumber sold at the

**Santa Rita Saw Mill**

All orders for lumber left with him will receive prompt attention.

LAZARA & YERKES,  
Santa Rita Saw Mill Co.

March 23, 1870;

## Notice !!

We will inform the Public, and travelling Community in general, that we have just built and fitted up, a good store house at Fort Bowie, and have furnished the same with a complete assortment of Goods suitable for Travelers and emigrants, which we will sell at the same price that such goods are sold for in Tucson, or the Rio Grande. Our Stock consists of a large assortment of Dry Goods and Groceries; and will keep constantly on hand flour, Bacon, Lard, Corn, Beans, and in fact, any article required by emigrants, and travellers, at reduced prices.

TULLY & OCHOA & Co.  
Jan. 15th 1870.

Tucson, A. T., June 1st, 1869.  
M. R. Platt of Tucson, is hereby appointed our agent for the transaction of all business connected directly or indirectly with transportation of Government stores from Tucson Depot to all posts dependant upon it for supplies.

HINDS & HOOKER